

A few verses may be given to show the manner of the narrative. The first pieces run:

How shall I describe
The life of cowherd Kalinga
Who lived in Karnataka
Radiant midst the world?

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The life of cowherd Kalinga
Who had his farmyard within
The forest close to the hills?

The cowherd rose at early dawn
And bathed in the river
And made the mark upon his face
And neatly tied his hair.

That is to say, he finished his toilet.

And ⁵neath a growing mango tree
He stood and played upon his flute
And joyous summoned to his side
The cows that stood around.

"*Come O Ganga, come O Gowri,
Come O Thungabhadra, come;
Come O best of cows and mothers,
Come," he sang to them.

The cows all heard the cowherd's call
And all came near unto him;
And udders overflowed with milk
And filled the vessels to the brim.

This is the cow's farewell to her sisters:

"O my mothers, O my sisters,
O loved sisters of my mother,
Treat this orphaned calf, I pray you,
As a young one of your own."